

Atomic Power Plant in Kaiga, Karnataka

906. SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRI-YAPPA:
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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far to set up Atomic Power Plant near Kaiga in Karnataka;

(b) the total money spent so far in this regard;

(c) the time by which the plant is likely to be commissioned;

(d) whether any foreign assistance is being sought for setting up this plant; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Construction of the main plant buildings is in progress. Manufacture and delivery of plant components and equipment is progressing. Works on a number of supply-cum-erection packages on the conventional systems have been awarded and are in progress. Reactor equipment installation works are scheduled to be taken up in the year 1992.

(b) The cumulative expenditure on this project as on September, 1991 is about Rs. 345 crores.

(c) As per present status, the first unit is expected to achieve criticality in June 1996 and the second unit in a period of six months thereafter. A period of about six months will be required between achievement of criticality and commercial operation of the units.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Sick Small and Tiny Industrial Units

907. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sick small and tiny industrial units;

(b) whether under the nursing programme for the revival of sick SSI units, only 1% of the above mentioned units are looked after by the BIFR;

(c) whether the Government have chalked out a programme for helping the remaining 99% unit; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) As reported by RBI, there were 186441 sick SSI units (including tiny units) with outstanding bank credit of Rs. 2243.31 crores as at the end of September, 1989, the latest period for which data are available.

(b) to (d). Small Scale Industrial Undertakings and Ancillary Undertakings are outside the purview of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. Hence, sick SSI units are not reported to BIFR. Financial Institutions and banks prepare rehabilitation package in respect of sick SSI units considered as potentially viable and extend necessary reliefs/concessions for the revival of the units.

Allotment of 48 Meter Plots in Rohini

908. SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any allotment of 48 meter residential plots has been made during 1991; by Delhi Development Authority under the Rohini-LIG-1981 Scheme;

(b) if so, the priority number of 48 meter plots covered so far; and

(c) when the next allotment of 48 meter plots is likely to be made and the number of such plots likely to be allotted in the next allotment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) There is no separate list of priority numbers according to different plot sizes.

(c) The next allotment of 48 meter plots can be made only after further plots are carved out and it is not possible to say how many such plots will be available for allotment in the next draw.

[Translation]

Discontinuance of Compulsory Paper of English Language

909. SHRI ARVIND TRIVEDI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand to do away with the compulsory paper of English language in the examination conducted by the UPSC has been made;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any decision in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Union Public Service Commission set up an Expert Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Satish Chandra, ex-Chairman, University Grants Commission, inter alia, to examine the question relating to discontinuance of compulsory paper in English in certain examinations conducted by the UPSC. The Commission has submitted its report which is under detailed examination.

[English]

Compensation Paid to Co-op. Group Housing Societies

910. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether nine co-operative Group Housing Societies of Delhi were allotted fully developed land by the Land and Development Office in Andrews Ganj/Sadiq Nagar area during the last 10 years or so;

(b) if so, the names of these Societies and the area of land allotted to each of them;

(c) whether the same land was subsequently taken back by the Land & Development Office and allotted to HUDCO for constructing HUDCO palace;

(d) if so, the details of expenditure, if any, incurred by HUDCO on the development of the land;

(e) the amount of compensation, if any, paid by Land & Development Office to any or all the nine Societies for the development of that land by them; and